

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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The Day of the Lord is at Hand—Indicated by Pests, Drouth and Fires

F. J. Lee

Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.—Joel 1:15.

There is an apprehension today in the minds of the people, that something of a serious nature is close at hand. Those of the world can hardly express what they think it is, they stand trembling and try to invent an excuse for the many strange happenings and phenomena of today, but Paul said to the saints, "Ye brethren are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."

The Spirit-filled ministers of today, those who covet to know these things in order that they may warn others, are receiving special light on this great subject at hand and are proclaiming by voice and press that the day of the Lord is at hand. The first word of our text indicates that the prophet was awe stricken. I imagine him standing with arms spread and his eyes glaring and looking as though he were about ready to run, then I hear him say "Alas!" What is the excitement, Joel? He continues "the day, the day of the Lord is at hand" a destruction from the Almighty. What did Joel see that made him cry out with an apprehension of danger "Alas"? He saw three very destructive agents as insects, drouth and fire. First the destructive pests in the form of the palmerworms, the locust, the cankerworm and the caterpillar, these have such destructive ability that Joel refers to them as having the cheek teeth of a great lion. He further states that this great destructive army shall bark the fig tree, making it clean bare, that which one army of these destroying insects or pests fail to devour the other will get.

Generations Past Had Never Witnessed Such Experiences

At verse 10 he says, "The field is wasted, the land mourneth; the corn is wasted; the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. Why is this? Because these destructive pests have ruined and blighted the trees and the vines. At verse 11 he says, "howl" for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished." Why is all this? It is because of these destructive pests. What caused Joel to apprehend that the day of the Lord was at hand? It was the destructive bugs, and worms that caused him to say "Alas". Joel cries out in verse 2 asking the old men if they or even their forefathers had ever seen such a destructive army, no, they had never seen such times before in past generations neither is it to be in future generations, but they are to tell to the rising generations in the millennium what happened just at the approaching of the day of the Lord.

Joel has only named a few of these pests. Science says there are four species of locust. The Bible dictionary says that the cankerworm is a species of locust in its larva state and refers to Nahum 3:15, 16 which shows that they multiply very rapidly and are very destructive, but later take wings and fly away. The description of the cankerworm is that it works on trees causing a disease known as the canker.

It is said that the palmer worm takes its name from its habit of traveling from one section to another as did a certain class of Jews. There was at one time a class of Jews who

were known as palmer Jews. They had no continuing city, but traveled from place to place, staying only a few weeks or months at each place. They were recognized by the palm branches each one carried, this with their floating disposition gave to them the name of palmer Jews, so this being the nature of certain worms which devour the cotton, beans etc. in one community for a period of time then moves on to another, doubtless has given them the name palmer worms.

The old men of today well remember when their lands produced well and they were not bothered with destroying pests of today. This is why they are distressed, they feel the forebodings that make them cry within their souls as did Joel, "Alas". They apprehend danger, but none but the chosen of the Lord can really understand, "Ye brethren are not in darkness," said Paul.

The Great Drouth

Joel proceeds to state further, "The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. This brings to a different phase of the approaching day of the Lord. Why are the barns broken down? For the reason that they do not need them for storing their crops, because the most of the seed failed to germinate and grow and that which comes up withers away. The pastures parch and fail, the rivers and streams dry up, this continues to such a time that vegetation will become easily ignited and will burn with such rapidity that it will go beyond all earthly control, then as Joel says at verse 19, O Lord, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field, then will the beasts groan, the cattle will be perplexed and the flocks of sheep shall be desolate. Why is this? Because of the destruction of the pastures, caused by the drouth and the fires.

This statement is followed with the second chapter which is really a continuation of the first. In this is a call to sound an alarm, calling for all the inhabitants of the land to tremble, then tells why they should tremble, because that the day of the Lord is at hand. This should be enough to make those who are away from God, tremble.

It is really marvelous that while farmers, gardeners and fruit growers have been earnestly contending with the great army of destructible pests, that while they sigh and hope for relief, here comes a drouth followed by great forest fires which have destroyed millions of trees, also pastures, causing suffering to cattle, sheep, hogs and of other property as well as human beings.

The papers indicate that this drouth has struck Palestine and that water is being dealt out to individuals in a limited amount.

Is this the day of the Lord? No, not yet, but Joel tells us (after having spoken about the other exciting features which caused him to exclaim, "Alas") that, "the day of the Lord cometh, for it is close at hand." It is perhaps closer than some would imagine.

Yes, I also say that men should tremble and cry unto the Lord while He is yet sparing and calling them to repentance.

Come Let Us Go Home

You Will Never Feel Any More

At Home Than At The Assembly

F. J. Lee

Let me insist that every minister of the Church of God make a special effort to attend the coming Annual Assembly of the Churches of God, which convenes October 19 to 25 inclusive. Some may say, "Well times are hard, money is scarce, so I will stay at home this time." It is true that times are hard, but brother the Lord's cause should come first in every mind. The Jews, though many were very poor would never let anything hinder them from attending the annual feast in Jerusalem. Many were not able to furnish a heifer or even a lamb for the sacrifice, but had to take with them only a little dove, this they carried as they faithfully marched, not in cars or great passenger trains, but on foot with their families, and never grumbling. Why? Because they were willing to make most any kind of sacrifice in order to attend that great Assembly, the Feast of Tabernacles. Can we as Spirit-filled ministers of God, (called unto a greater calling than that which any priest has ever received) afford to show any less zeal in the Lord's work than they? Surely not, but we should have more zeal and be on hand at the great Assembly to do our bit in boosting, praying and singing. Remember that your very presence is a boost. So dear brother I say unto you come, let him that heareth say come and who-soever will let him come. You are especially solicited to attend this Assembly.

There will be many things to attend to, many subjects to discuss. This is to be an Assembly far surpassing all previous ones, but without your assistance it will fall short.

STILL INTERESTED IN BIBLE SCHOOL

New Bible School Students Planning to Attend Bible School

I am praising the Lord this bright sun shiny day for His goodness to the children of men. He has been so precious to our souls until I can't begin to praise Him enough. His mercy has been extended to us in a great way. He has been with us in every trial, in every battle, and has given us the victory. To Him be all the praise.

There are several kinds of storms which visit Texas, viz. wind storms, sand storms, hail storms, electric storms and spiritual storms, however we have escaped all of these except two. One of them was to be endured, which was the sand storm; the other was enjoyed by many, which was the spiritual storm, that made its appearance in the camp meeting and was given a great welcome in our midst.

As the time for the Assembly draws near I realize the time for the opening of the Bible School is drawing near, for which I am anxiously waiting. I am expecting to meet many of the students who attended last term also many new ones from different States. We have been strong advocates for this great

institution since being in the State of Texas, as we are greatly interested in the School and every minister and worker should be. If each one was interested in the School as they should be we would have a larger and better School, which would mean much for the Church of God at large.

Many in this state are working in behalf of the School. The work in the Lone Star State is coming to the front. Several from this state are planning to attend the School, for which we thank the Lord. There is plenty of elbow room in this part of the U. S. for the full gospel and we thank the Lord for a place to get the young ministers started right in this battle, and to know they are preparing themselves for the task of spreading the good news of salvation in new territories.

We believe there is as good material in the State of Texas for the Church of God as in any other state in the union. So look for us the opening day—a dozen strong, from Texas.

A student,
H. L. Chesser.

Wants Tent Meeting

It has been some time since I testified through the Evangel. I feel like saying a word of praise for the Master. I am on victory side and the Holy Ghost still abides. Praise His name. I thank Him for His keeping power. He is my all in all. I mean to go all the way with Him.

Please pray that I may stay in the center of His will so He can use me at all times. I can hear His voice saying, "Go preach my Word."

I have been having some street meetings here. This is a needy field. I wish some Church of God preacher would come this way and hold a tent meeting.

E. L. Rush,
Mooresville, N. C.

Bring Them In

PINEOLA, N. C.—I want to report victory for the Church of God at Pineola, N. C. We have some members that live too far away to get much help out of the church, so I felt it my duty as pastor to go over and preach some for them. The Church is now growing fast. My daughter went with me last Saturday and took a sinner girl with her. The girl was saved that night, sanctified Sunday and received the Holy Ghost in my truck on the way home Sunday evening. I feel that we must go out and bring them in. We must not let our flock suffer.

Your brother,
W. J. Pritchard.

The Key-Note of Harmony

I was in a home once where a string band was giving the most beautiful music. Dinner was announced, and while the musicians were at dinner the children tampered with the strings. When the musicians took up their instruments after dinner there was a horrible discord. The key-note was sounded, and all the instruments were brought back into harmony, and sweet music was possible again. There was a time in the happy days of Eden when man loved God, and there was music everywhere; but Satan touched the harp-strings of the human soul and threw it out of harmony with the world and with God, and sin's discord was sounded. Man was separated from His God, and the discords of sin have filled the earth in all ages. But Jesus Christ came to the earth, went up on Calvary, and struck the keynote. "Love one another, even as I have loved you." (The world is full of music when the heart is full of love.—Selected.)

IN THE FRONT LINE

A Friendly Letter From Perry W. Haddock and Wife of Miami, Fla.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction, who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles." Psa. 103:1-5.

It has been some time since we have taken the time to write an article for the Evangel, nevertheless, we have desired to do this more often, in fact, we have promised our faithful editor several times during the year that we would write more, but other duties seemingly have occupied our time. But we come now with just a little friendly letter. We quote the above passage of Scripture because it is so fitting for us, at this time. First we wish to say that we have nothing to complain about or to be sorrowful over, but on the other hand we surely have much to praise and thank God for.

Soon after the close of the last General Assembly, we were soon speeding on our way to Miami in our auto. Our journey was interrupted by the death of dear brother George L. Haddock, but we braced up as best we could and soon resumed our journey knowing that "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord." We were soon in the City of Miami, where we received a warm welcome by the saints and friends here.

We at once assumed the duties involved upon us as pastor and District Overseer. And to say the least of it we have marched in the FRONT LINE all this year. Our battles number many but our great Captain gave the orders and we endeavored to obey and victory was ours. To Him be all the glory.

The hand of the Lord has dealt gently with us on the whole Miami district this year. The associate pastors have been on the job. The opposition of the enemy has been realized by all I am sure. Nevertheless, God has vindicated His Word in a

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J. B. Ellis' Ministry in Western States

Sand Storms, Growing Cotton—Journey to Greenville, S. C.—Enroute to Assembly

J. B. Ellis

Some time ago I made a report of our experiences in the West, and promised to continue same. As well as I remember I closed with our visit to the State meeting of the Assembly of God people at Dallas. From there we journeyed northward and westward over the entire northwestern part of Texas. When you think of Texas you must remember you are thinking of a territory larger than both the Carolinas, Ga., Fla. Ala. and Tenn.

We found many strange and peculiar conditions and circumstances. There is no castle in society on the plains. The millionaire's son or daughter in seeking a companion usually chooses a young man or lady of good morals from the poorer classes rather than marry each other. The wealthy dress like the common people. You frequently see a man worth his thousands, at church in overalls. Religious differences do not affect society as it does here in the East.

The impatient farmer who plows his farm early, before the high spring winds are over awakes some morning to find his well prepared soil gone, while his more careful neighbor awakes to find his unbroken soil buried with the soil of his smart neighbor. One man plants a week too early and gets his crop up just in time for it to be destroyed by a sand storm, and before he can plant over, his season is gone and he can't get his crop up and makes a failure, while his neighbor plants just a day or two later and gets his crop up just a day or two after the destructive storm and makes an abundant crop.

Hail will destroy one man's crop while the adjoining farms are unhurt. Everything is freighted with uncertainty. One man on the plains can cultivate from two to three hundred acres of cotton. They bed the land high, plant between the beds and never hoe or chop the cotton. They prepare, plant, and cultivate with double row plows. They gather the cotton by stripping the stalks through the fingers putting every thing that comes off in the sack it is threshed separated and then ginned. It takes from twenty-two to twenty eight hundred pounds of this rough cotton to make a bale. Many families live in dugouts, (a hole in the ground with a flat cover over it).

About the last of April we packed our cars and started on our journey to Greenville, S. C. Our car registered nearly two thousand miles. The second day one of our cars ran into a gale which completely demolished the top. We had a very enjoyable trip back. Good weather and no sickness. At Corinth, Miss. a breakdown and only seventeen dollars on hand made it impossible to proceed further. A wire message to dear Brother Lee and Llewellyn brought relief and our journey was resumed. A few days brought us to Cleveland. We only stayed about four hours which was spent in a very

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.
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In view of the fact that the coming Assembly is expected to be one of the greatest in the history of the Church, we especially advise that all who have tents, bring them, or ship them, and those who have none may engage one here by writing ahead in order to give time for the arrangements to be made. Do not get it into your mind that arrangements cannot be made for your entertainment. If you have a tent of your own, let us have it, if you need one, we can get it for you.

Well, the great Annual Assembly of the Churches of God will soon be on, thousands are looking with increased interest to this eventful occasion. The past Assembly year has been one of great victory, thousands of souls have been gathered in. Great revivals have been witnessed in many places. The camp meetings have been especially successful. Now, that we are soon to gather at the great Assembly, it is especially necessary that the whole church throughout the states and foreign countries observe the special prayer day previously announced.

NOTICES

The Church of God at Salem, Ky. desires to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Virgie Dugan, Una Embry, Dee Sapp, Mary Heath, Elaine Wilson, Jerome Heath, Agnes Liveley, Altie Burden, Willie Downey. Ola Wilson, Clerk, Rt. 1, Bx. 24. Horse Branch, Ky.

The Church of God at Orlando, Fla. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mrs. Pearl Harris, of Orlando Church. Any one who can give her address please answer through the Evangel or write—Mr. W. M. Futrell, Clerk, Orlando, Fla.

This is to notify the Church that T. C. Vails is not with the Church of God but standing with the Pentecost Church. Lester Beasley, Henning, Tenn.

We are sending out some large posters to the clerks making announcements of the coming Assembly of the Church of God. We will ask that these be tacked up at the church or some prominent place, please let the pastor, clerk or deacon see to this.

F. J. Lee.

We are expecting to attend the State Convention of Mississippi which will convene at Cleveland, Miss., August 23-27. We anticipate a large attendance.

Brother Culpepper, the State Overseer tells us that the work has been very prosperous this year. The General Secretary confirms this statement. More than half of the churches are reporting.

I have visited Mississippi in times past, but there are many whom I have never met, but I wish to meet you at the State Convention.

F. J. Lee.

Delayed Report of Orphanage Campaign Via. West Coast

Nannie Ruth Hagewood

I can doubly assure you that it was not for lack of a hearty or a warm reception by the children of God on the West Coast, that this is a delayed report. We were asked, not long since, by a brother why we had never written a report of this trip. We wrote of our prosperous journey down the East Coast as far as Miami, before going to the Bahama Islands.

When we landed on the shores of beautiful Miami, called "World's Winter Play Ground," we, Brother and Sister Clint Chambers, Sister Vivian Hawthorn and I were most royally entertained in the homes of Brothers A. C. Jensen, P. W. Hadsock and others. We received hearty co-operation by both pastors and members at Miami and Coconut Grove Churches. Both Churches responded with liberal offerings for the homeless and neglected. Also many outside friends gave us personal donations. The only unenjoyable feature about it was; the day to depart came all too soon.

We had the privilege while here to visit the ruins of the tornado, just a few miles from Miami, in which our dear Sister Simpson and son were killed. We attended the funeral of same which was so very sad and impressive.

While looking over the ruins of the terrible cyclone I was struck with awe at the conduct of some of the onlookers. While viewing the pictures of horror and sorrow they would dare be impudent enough to take God's name in vain; walking with stretched forth neck and wanton spirits. No wonder God's hand comes down in awful fury at sundry times. We also visited the little, colored Church and tried to drop a word of encouragement.

From here we went to Lakewood. We felt very much at home, finding Brother and Sister Moore, former Bible Student, faithful at their post of duty. We made many good friends in our short stay here and also were prosperous in the work whereunto we had been sent.

We dropped back by Riviera for one more pleasant night's stay, for which we were not sorry. The Lord truly met with us and gave us showers of blessings.

The King's business requires haste, so next day we were about to move on to Lake Okechobee when some one announced an extremely large whale had been captured and brought as near land as they could conveniently do so without proper equipment. We rowed out to take a look at the monster and had the privilege of walking around on his back; six of us at one time and not crowded at that. The water was 18 ft. deep and the whale lying on the bottom and we had plenty of room above surface to make a good platform on its back, it being 55 ft. long, said to weigh 40,000 lbs. I said, Hereafter when a party undertakes to argue with me that the whale could not swallow Jonah, I would be able to tell them they were existing today large enough to swallow six like me. I don't know how large Jonah was.

Then we hastened on our journey finding some bad sandy roads. We learned how to push a lizzie. Arrived at Brother R. L. Mixon's near Okechobee for a few day's pleasant stay, where milk flowed in abundance without the honey. Had few day's meeting here with the saints and a special night for orphanage work.

We cannot forget the faithfulness of Mother Cotton and the Passenger band of saints who came quite a distance each night to be with us and brought their little gifts of love, as we could not get to every little place on account of limited time. We appreciated this and felt edified by having been with the saints of both places. I can say one thing for Okechobee, the few saints

there are pure gold and are on fire for God. Another thing, I can say too that I felt that I was on fire most of the time myself, by the friendly mosquitoes.

It was while here that the message reached us of the great victory God had given in the Church trial, and we truly knelt and worshiped and adored Him, the great Captain of all battles. Praise His great name.

Finding our time so short before camp meeting, we planned to go to Wauchula and have the neighboring Churches meet us there. We notified Avon Park, Zolfo, Ft. Meade and some others which met us there. We had a few days meeting in which many seemed blessed. The devil got scared and hypocrites trembled. Committees were organized and appointed from here and we believe they will not forget the orphans.

We were entertained in the homes of Brother and Sister Edenfield, Crews and the pastor, Brother Kerce, and there was no lack of strawberries, grape fruit and many other good things. He said forget not all his benefits, and these are part of them.

From here we stopped over at Arcadia for 4 or 5 days. We were entertained in Brother and Sister Meyers' home, who are faithful in ministering to the needs of the Church and God's people. Also had other good friends there and they seemed glad to learn of the orphanage work. They were liberal in their offerings for same.

We spent a few nights at Nocatee, finding the people ready for every good work, and did not have to stay long. We enjoyed being entertained in the homes of the pastor, Brother Sullivan and Brother Sowell, who gave us a hearty welcome.

I was very much impressed at this place when the frogs came to Church and took a high seat on the organ, which was far better than you could get some people to do in some places; it almost takes block and rope to get them to the front, but Nocatee is to the front. They did not have their tabernacle completed but we believe they have a mansion in the sky.

I was wonderfully healed here, having to stay in bed at Brother Sullivan's. On this particular night was Orphanage service. I got up, tremblingly dressed; all the while breathing a prayer. I said, "Lord, I've spent all my strength for Thee. When Thou art ready, renew my strength. If not I will die in the battle. Wearily I made my way to the car. Before I got inside the tabernacle I felt so much better. When time to speak, I felt like a new person. Praise the Lord for His mighty acts to the children of men. Praise Him for His excellency! Of course we were sorry to leave, but were behind with our engagements at Ft. Myers. We found it impossible to visit LaBelle Church, and wrote them to meet us at Ft. Myers. Being unable to do so they did not neglect their privilege and duty, but wrote a good letter enclosing a check for their part in the campaign, for which we ask the blessings of our Father upon them. I'm sure He will not forget their labors of love. God bless them, again we pray.

Arriving at Ft. Myers we found Brother Griffin with a big hearty welcome and co-operation, as well as many others. We especially enjoyed our stay in Ft. Myers. While the weather was very unfavorable we found many good soldiers who had learned to endure hardness as good soldiers and did not fear the rain. They surely were liberal in their offerings.

We find here the winter home of both Henry Ford and Thomas Edison. However, we didn't feel so much out of place. We remembered the words of the Lord, "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith." We found love in the

homes of Sister House, Brother and Sister Scrouse and Brother and Sister Lewis, also others. We enjoyed excellent music here, and were sorry to say good-bye. But Manatee was waiting and truly we enjoyed meeting old friends, Brother and Sister H. B. Simmons, Bro. Williams and wife and others. God surely opened his storehouse to us here.

We also visited Cortez while here, and our short stay was not in vain. May God bless these dear ones.

From here we intended to go to Tampa, but being informed of a singing school being in progress there by Brother Whit Denson, we thought best to defer this till another time. But get ready, Tampa, we expect to make a charge sooner or later.

Arriving at Lakeland we enjoyed numbers of big tall glasses of ice tea with Brother Sapp, the pastor, mixed now and then with a cup of joy and praise, flavored with a touch of heavenly wine, which made our faces shine. We had some good string music here, also met some of the former Bible School students. Had large crowds, good attention and fine contributions. They tried to prevail on us to stay there for a revival, and we very much regretted that we could not.

Wimauma was calling us, and we landed on the old camp ground where the devil was given one more round. A report of this has gone forth at an earlier date, but let me say once again, we shall never forget the kindness and love of Wimauma saints. While we were over at Lakeland, Brother Hicks the pastor, was faithfully working at Wimauma, putting on a contest for the orphanage campaign which went beyond our expectations. May God bless them.

I hope that none will think I have purposely neglected to mention your faithfulness, for we were worn out from 4 or 5 months constant travel and service. Arriving in Cleveland we found revival in full blast. Only spent few days here and went on to Nashville, Tenn., engaging at once in a strenuous battle there, in revival, becoming sick. While there I had no time to write.

Arrived at Cleveland last week completely exhausted, but found the showers falling and feel refreshed and encouraged to press on, forgetting the things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before Phil. 3:13.

In addition to the spiritual showers, we have this Sunday afternoon in answer to sincere prayer, had a refreshing rain to settle the dust, which was becoming distressing. It had been predicted that we would have no rain before December. But our souls had been craving the promise, The Lord will withhold no good thing from those that walk uprightly. The children gathered in and we poured out our hearts to God, from which cometh all good things. Praise His matchless name. Please remember to pray for this great work and remember faith without works is dead. Amen.

Behind the Bars—Happy in Jesus

COLUMBIA, S. C.—I want to sound a note of praise and say that I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I surely enjoy reading the little paper, the Evangel, each week and the extra copies sent are enjoyed by the boys here in prison. I would not give up this wonderful experience of salvation for all the world. I have not a friend on earth to take the place of Jesus. Glory to God in the highest. I am determined to go all the way no matter what the cost may be.

I wish I could be in some good meetings and testify for my Saviour. I am in prison now, but hope to be free some day. I am a true brother to the dear old Church of God.

With love and best wishes to the dear saints on the battlefield. I am praying for you and request your prayers for me. May God's richest blessings be upon the saints everywhere.

Would be glad to hear from any one.
John Hamilton,
1515 61st St., Columbia, S. C.

REQUESTS

I request special prayer for the healing of my son. He is afflicted with epilepsy. He is trusting the Lord for his healing.

Mrs. M. I. Farsyth,
Fayette, Ala.

Jewell Tompkins of Sandersville, Ga., requests prayer that he may be healed of rheumatism. He has not been able to work since May.

W. L. Lunsford, Columbus, Ga. writes: I desire the prayers of the saints for the healing of my body. I have been bothered with this trouble for some time.

Sister Mary Lynch of Tyroneza, Ark. desires prayer for her healing. She is afflicted with rheumatism in her ankles and can hardly walk. She has trusted the Lord 15 years and knows He can heal her now.

ELLIJAY, Ga.—I have been reading the Evangel and certainly enjoy the good testimonies. I read of so many sick people being healed by prayer. I want all the Church of God saints to pray for my sister. She has been afflicted with fits 7 years. Pray for me.—Arkde Flanigan.

Never Saw Such Unity Manifested

I want to report a good old time Church of God revival meeting at Liberty Church, Grady Co., Ga., which began the third Sunday in July and run on for two weeks, then quit running and went to flying for two more weeks. Brothers J. L. Underwood, Godwin, Floyd and the Holy Ghost did the preaching. I never saw such unity manifested and there were over 1,200 in attendance part of the time. Three received the Holy Ghost, and among the number was the writer's wife. We have only known of this wonderful salvation about three years. I love the Church of God and her government better than ever and thank Him that we are permitted to be members. Praise Jesus for having made such a sacrifice that we may be partakers of this salvation. We want to have all arrangements made, and our garments without spot or wrinkle, and nothing to hold us here, that we may be ready to take that heavenly ride, for which the Holy Ghost power only will be sufficient.

I have a heart full of love for the church and all the Lord's children. May God bless their efforts.

G. G. Prince.

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remarkable way and we yet expect to see greater results from the efforts put forth. This I am sure is not exaggerating since we have such a great God.

Miami is called "The Magic City." The word magic means in part, to draw, or drawing power, and indeed this is true with this city; people are coming by the throngs, a number of the saints from other states are among this great number. We are glad to have them come to assist in the battle against sin. We often think of the gathering that will soon take place in the skies of all those who have made themselves ready. I feel sure there will be a great company that will go up from Miami. While the existing conditions (naturally) are drawing the masses to Miami, the saints here are somewhat affected by the magnetic power of Jesus. Their hearts are set on things eternal, and the steady onward march against sin denotes the determination they have to win out in the final battle. There are many possibilities on the East Coast of Florida for the gospel. Many open doors for the Church of God. We have been unable to answer all the calls, but did the best we could. There is a great demand for soldiers who are not afraid of the front line. Too many like to come in after the heat of the battle is over, all like to share in the dividing of the spoils, but somehow I can't enjoy the victory unless I were in the front line during the battle. I appreciate the fact that we have many true blue workers (also the laity) in the Miami district who face the battle with courage and faith that takes no denial. Just here we wish to express to them our appreciation of their prayers, cooperation and support. "The Lord reward thee for all."

This Assembly year will soon be in the past with all its hard fought battles together with the victories won. The 20th Annual Assembly will soon be in session with the glory of the Lord resting there. Let every one that possibly can, avail themselves of the opportunity of attending this great convocation. Your time will be well spent. Our hearts well up with gratitude when we remember how the Lord has so marvelously defended His Church during the strenuous litigation recently experienced. "If God be for us who can be against us." Praise the Lord.

With these few remarks and prayers and good wishes for everyone, We remain,
Yours in the front line of the battle,

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Grenada Dis't. Convention — Eupora, Miss.

THE POWER OF THE LORD WAS MANIFESTED IN A MARVELOUS WAY

C. Ray

Grenada District Convention convened at Pisgah Spring near Eupora, Miss. July 29 to Aug 2. What a privilege to be able to report that truly the Lord was in our midst from the very first service. The glory is better seen and felt, than told.

For lack of space in the paper we give only a brief glimpse of the rich feast that our Father spread before us in this convention. The first service opened promptly at 8:00 p. m. The presence of the Lord was manifested in this service. After Brother Clark, from Mount Olive Church offered prayer Sister Mary Tidwell conducted a lively praise service.

Our State Overseer, E. B. Culpepper brought us a convincing and soul stirring message on Righteousness. Some points as follows: "Faith goes hand in hand with obedience and is the sum and substance of power with God. Obedience of children necessary to the making of obedient men and women. Faith in God and surrender to His will brings us out in a place of victory. The faith life brings healing to the body. Abraham obeyed God regardless of the cost, and so should we in like manner have the grace, grit and determination to go all the way. It is better to have the name of being the friend of God by obedience, than to be a friend of all the world by wilfulness."

Thursday, 11:00 a. m. After inspiring songs, concert prayer, etc., the Lord wonderfully blessed in the testimony service by filling every mouth with praises to God. Brother J. C. Kimbrough (pastor in charge of this church), gave the visitors a hearty welcome and said in part, "We believe every one can feel they are welcome without expressing it to them in words." He gave forth the sentiment of this church in a warm welcome address, which we all appreciated.

Brother Roy E. Blackwood brought the morning message from the subject—Christian Strength, text Neh. 8:10. "The joy of the Lord is your strength." He stirred up a burning desire in the hearts of the saints to obtain this strength which comes from JOY, proving that when we get this strength we will be prepared for the conflicts that we must necessarily meet. Getting cold and joyless means a call to "Be filled with the Spirit." When joy comes things are going to happen, for it takes joy to bring strength. David cried, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." The Christian who has lost his joy has lost his strength, therefore he meets defeat on every hand. The price of this strength is the blood of Jesus, accept it, come into the true CHURCH OF GOD where there is love, joy, liberty and strength brought about by obeying the commandments of God.

The news had gone forth of the good meeting, so that the house would not hold the people at the night services. The power of the Lord was manifest in the song service, several sick people presented themselves and the Lord healed.

Sister Moonyham from Thorn, Miss. delivered the message on Faith, showing by the Word Joshua, Gideon, Elisha and other Bible heroes of faith, proving that when our faith is tested we are strengthened, and that it is through faith that every conflict is won. At the close there were many earnest seekers in the altar.

Friday morning after the usual opening exercises of worship, Brother Culpepper gave a talk, explaining why we have concerted action in the Church of God; citing us to Joshua and his band marching around the walls of Jericho for six days, on the seventh all shouted the victory of faith, and the walls tumbled down and the City was taken.

Brother Russel Fowler preached a sermon on Steadfastness, text Eph. 6:4. He made us to see very plainly that steadfastness is one of the fore-

most qualities of a true child of God, and showed us the danger of becoming entangled with the world and moving the "old land marks." He also showed us the humiliating fact that our being unstable was the cause of no more people coming in the way of holiness. Touching on tithes—he said was one proof of our steadfastness as members.

Brother J. N. Neighbors preached on Loyalty to the Church. He said, Loyalty means death to self, to trust God for soul and body, and that the genuine Christian should be willing to give his life for others. He also gave us to understand, by the Scriptures, that tithing was one form of loyalty.

At the close earnest seekers fell in the altar and cried to God to fill their hungry souls.

The Lord wonderfully blessed in the old time grove prayer-meeting at 7:30 p. m.

The glory of the Lord was manifest in the song service that followed at the church: praises, shouting, dancing and a great time of rejoicing. The praise service was of the pop-corn style, and the mouth of every saint seemed to be full of His praises. As Brother C. M. Sims sang, "Hold the Old Boat Down," heaven seemed to open and pour out a blessing that carried the people far away in the spirit realm.

Brother Sims seemed to leave himself entirely in the hands of the Lord while preaching on the subject, How to Evangelize the State. The message came faster than he could tell it. He showed by the Bible that the church needs, "DOERS OF THE WORD." It takes God called preachers to preach all the Bible, and they too must live what they preach—their lives must reflect the image of Jesus. We should do what Jesus says with the boldness of a lion, knowing that Mark 16:20 will be made as true to us as it was to the apostles. Preachers must not look at their purse, but let every man abide in his calling wherein he is called, regardless of everything else. Read Acts 6:1-4.

Saturday—This was a day of precious services, but we pass on to tell of the wonderful service at night.

In the praise service the people praised the Lord with the stringed instruments, the organ and in the dance, and the windows of heaven seemed to open and pour out a blessing which our hearts could not contain, so we just let them run over. A message was given in tongues and interpreted—"Prepart to meet God. I'm coming soon, only a little while and I will come for my children." A spirit of reverence prevailed among the saints for some time. One brother from a nearby Advent Church gave us a timely warning against Roman Catholicism.

Sunday, 10:00 a. m. The crowd was innumerable. Everybody seemed to be expecting a blessing and many were not disappointed. The praise service was conducted by Brother Springer. As many could not testify, every saint with uplifted hands praised God, after which Brother W. B. Wimble gave a profitable talk on tithing, reading Mal. 3:8-13.

At 11:00 a. m. Brother Sims talked from a chart on the subject of Hell. He read many Scriptures in proof of the certainty of hell. At the close many came to the altar. The Lord was surely talking to hearts.

One lady was gloriously healed of chronic appendicitis.

Brother Culpepper, in the afternoon, preached on the Spiritual Feast. The speaker held a house full of listeners spell bound. He told how the Lord saved him and his brothers from a life of sin, and of how they had to make restitution. Brother Rowe followed with a stirring talk.

We come to the last night of the meeting. As all praised the Lord with uplifted hands it was evident that God was pouring out His blessings by the hall-lujahs that went up. As we write this the power of God sweeps through our body and we enjoy the blessing anew. A Happy Day, was sung with the last verse changed to "This has been a happy day." People almost went off their feet. All were glad to testify to the good

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J. B. ELLIS' MINISTRY IN WESTERN STATES

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enjoyable way: visited the Orphanage, Auditorium and Evangel Office.

Brother Llewellyn met us with a big smile and a hearty hand-shake. As I went through the different departments I met the office force who were busily engaged in the performance of their duties. Two days later we were in Greenville, S. C. which has been our headquarters since. I have been actively engaged in evangelistic services ever since. God has been blessing our labors and many souls have found Christ their Saviour, praise His name.

I wish to say that I have been hounded and hindered in my work ever since I left Cleveland, with false reports and rumors of my being out of harmony with the Church, especially Headquarters. I have been accused of joining the Methodist, Nazarenes and Assemblies of God. In every case where I have made investigation these reports have had their origin in Cleveland, Tenn., among our adversaries.

I have confidence in the ability and honesty of our executive. I have never at any time been out of harmony with the Church. I was awfully out of harmony with the recent misappropriation and non appropriation of our church funds and I think my conduct in trying to rid the Church of these evils in the past should have convinced any mind that I am true to the Church, and the Executive Council and the Council of Elders know that I have placed myself on record that should any one of them do wrong I would just as readily take a stand against them, and I mean every word of it too. So long as you find me silent, you may know if there is anything ugly going on in the Church I don't know it.

I am now on my way to hold another meeting in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. from there to Boaz, Ala. the 2d Sunday in Sept. and from there to the Elders Council, Oct. 12, and will meet you at the next great Assembly d. v. You will find me just the same old boy as ever.

God bless you.

Many Blessed in Arbor Meeting

WALHALLA, S. C.—Oh how I do thank the dear Lord for the way He is blessing His children, and for the revival spirit here. May we every one just get self out of the way, and let the Lord have His way in our hearts and lives.

How I praise the Lord for the brush arbor meeting here, conducted by Brothers S. C. Chambers and J. B. Ellis. Many souls were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We do appreciate His dear servants who worked so faithfully to get our children and fathers and mothers saved.

Emma Henson.

things they had enjoyed the past four days.

Brother Culpepper's sermon was from the text, "Depart from evil and do good and dwell forevermore." May God help all to see the need of departing from evil, doing good and dwelling forever more in the presence of Him. I am sure many went deeper.

Surely it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us to have this Convention, and we all are encouraged to press on in the face of every foe, and do good and dwell forever more.

May God bless every minister, worker and visitor in the prayer of your humble servant.

To the Bible Training School Students

Dear Brother, Sister and Friend Who Are Anticipating Attending the Next Term of the Church of God Bible Training School.—Greetings in His Precious Name:

As I think of you with possessing expectations of attending the Bible School, I wish I could talk with you but as this is impossible, may I inform you a bit about the School.

As I attended the school six terms I think I know something about it. Yes, I know the thoughts and feelings of the Bible School Students. And how they feel and what they think before they leave their home for the School. As other students said, "We prepared and cherished the thought of attending the Bible School for months but just before the time to leave home we hardly saw any way to go. Relatives unwilling, scarcity of money, sickness etc., but we came on thinking we would stay three months, but the school was so interesting and pleasant we would stay the whole session."

You may think you are too ignorant to attend. If you can read and write English I boldly write, you are not. You will find others there who know as little as you do. And just as hard to learn as yourself.

You may think you are too backward. Take courage, you are not. The School is not for developed and learned scholars. If you lack wisdom you may receive it there, if unlearned, you can equip yourself with Biblical knowledge, if bashful or backward, you can develop your personality.

You'll find the teachers personally interested in your success. This will be manifested in many ways. And all the other students will be kind and loving to you. And in ways that you cannot think of now, they will help you.

I have seen and felt this among more than one hundred and twenty students. Soon after arriving at the dormitory you'll feel at home.

Your association with the other students will be very pleasant and quite as profitable.

While in the Bible School you can lay an excellent foundation for an evangelist, pastor, foreign missionary. No matter what your purpose or aim is you can improve yourself in a systematic way in the Bible School.

In conclusion, dear friends, do not let anything hinder you: be there the first day and stay until school ends and you'll thank the Lord for the Bible School like hundreds of us ex-students are doing.

Too, you will be better qualified to perform great tasks and very likely great responsibility will be laid upon you. The more prepared you are the greater responsibility you can share.

Hoping you to enter the first day and praying for success, I am fraternally and friendly yours,

Wm. T. Auten, Gastonia, N. C.

One Blind From Potash Received His Sight

I want to sound a note of praise for my Saviour's healing power. Praise His dear name. The saints may remember me asking prayer for my son, Eddie Brown, who was blind from potash four months ago. I am so glad to say he has received his sight. The railroad doctor examined his eyes and said they were all right. I cannot praise the Lord enough for His goodness.

Pray that I may stay humble at the feet of Jesus, where He can use me to His honor and glory.—Lilly Carry, Sanford, Fla.

State Conventions

Mississippi State Convention near Cleveland, Miss., Sept. 23-27. E. B. Culpepper in charge. General Overseer, F. J. Lee to be present.

Florida State Convention at Miami, Sept. 24-Oct. 4. David LaFleur Overseer of the Colored Work in Charge.

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Texas State Camp Meeting

(Continued from last issue.)

8:30 p. m. This meeting too, was for the children and young people, although the people were divided into 3 groups, for the Bible instructions. This service was profitable and inspired many to study the Word more.

8:00 p. m. Music by orchestra. Bro. Drake brought the message. "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world, to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world, to confound the things which are mighty." 1 Cor. 1:27.

"Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you. He brings many instances of the work of the Lord to our notice, as they are found in the Word and then cites examples of the Lord's work in our own day. The Lord honored the message. Many came to the altar and some received the Holy Spirit.

Thursday, Sunrise Service. Brother Martin Baldrée spoke from Acts 14:16. "Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways." Altar service. All given opportunity to request prayer for loved ones.

2:30 p. m. This was probably one of the most practical and instructive of all the services. Its aim was to help us in the perfecting of our Sunday schools. Brother Johnson spoke on the Ideal or Model Sunday school, giving many timely suggestions in regard to qualifications of teachers; efficient routine; how to get more people out to services; devices for holding children's attention; works the S. S. can accomplish.

8:00 p. m. Power fell in a great way during the song service and in an overwhelming way during the testimony service; great manifestation of the Spirit. Message given and interpreted. The writer was unable to get it verbatim but what we have is indeed precious. "My eyes are open." While others are rejecting me; let me have my way. "He shall go forth as the latter rain." I shall take men in my name, and convince men of my power. I am pleading, people are listening. Obey my voice. Victory, victory, through my blood, through my death. Obey me and enjoy me. Holy, holy, holy, crieth angels in glory. Obey me, obey me, obey me. I say unto thee; this people I have gathered together to see and hear. "Oh my children, hear me (it is) not long before I shall call thee. Come and hide until not long until tribulation. People reject me (now) I shall reject them then. Children be true."

Three persons fell under the mighty hand of God, a woman, a young man and a little girl. The Lord blessed in the altar service, several receiving the Holy Ghost.

Friday a. m. Sunrise prayer meeting. Brother Scribner spoke.

10:30 a. m. Song by mixed quartette. Message by Brother Johnson, from Rom. 14. On Influences. All persons have an influence over others, as it behooves us to walk worthy that we may exert an influence for good. We influence, people by our business dealings, our own peculiarities, by our conversation and dress. Consider the lives of Knox, Moody, Luther and countless others and we see why they had such an influence for good. Our influence for good may be hampered by our children, so let us train them so that our influence may be manifested in their lives.

3:30 p. m. This service was given to the interest of the Bible Training School. Brothers P. W. and H. L. Chesser and Martin Baldrée made very interesting and instructive talks along this

line. About 22 manifested a desire to attend the ensuing term of the School and we have great hopes that many of these will be able to go. Thank God. Some people, who had heretofore opposed the School, on practically the same grounds they would a theological seminary, left this service with an entirely new conception of the aim of this institution. Several expressed a determination to help send students who wish to go. With this spirit of love, unity and co-operation among the saints, we are expecting the work of the Church of God in Texas to make rapid progress.

8:00 p. m. The power fell in a great sweeping way in both the song and testimony services. There were many manifestations of the Spirit, dancing, shouting and speaking in tongues. One brother was moved by the Spirit to hold a hot electric light bulb in his bare hands. The entire rostrum and front of tent was filled with saints dancing under the mighty power of God.

Sister Della Asher had been asked to bring the evening message but she fell under the mighty power of God during the testimony service and gave out a message from the White Throne. Bless the Lord. "Arise from the dead and I will give thee light. You are waiting for light and thy light has come. Darkness has past. The true light now shines. Your light is coming dark. The Spirit and the bride say come." The ways of the Lord are beyond the comprehension of man. No other preaching was needed as the altar was quickly filled with seekers and souls were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah.

Saturday, Sunrise service. Sister Bradley brought the message, using Proverbs 14:13 for a text. "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." She gave Nebuchadnezzar as an example of an exalted person who was abased.

10:30 a. m. This service was conducted after the State Convention plan, having a roll call for the churches or districts of the State.

1. Lubbock—Brother George Anthony acted as spokesman and declared that the saints are living the life and the church is on fire for God. Hallelujah. 2. Bronson—Church in hard straits. 3. Cherry Hill—Brother Barrow spoke for the church and said they had no evil report to bring, the work was progressing and people were enjoying the blessing and rejoicing because they were in the great Church of God. They completed a parsonage last year and expect to build a church soon from the proceeds of a community cotton field. A good example of church cooperation.

4. Crockett—All representatives had returned home. 5. Dallas—No delegates. 6. Electra—Sister Barker, who was speaker for the church, called it the "baby church" of Texas as it was set in order about 2 months ago. Yet it has flourished, people have the blessing and feel that they will go through with Jesus. Thank God. 7. Glenwood—As this church is in his district Brother S. J. Wood spoke for it. The Church is doing fairly well but people need our prayers and help. 8. Ladonia—Well represented. Bro. Kizer who spoke first, thanked God for the pure gold, people who stand for the truth and each other, in sickness, sorrow and trouble.

Brother Johnson who serves as pastor for the Ladonia Church besides doing the work of the State Overseer, had been forced to neglect them for as long as three months at a time yet the Lord has blessed them and prospered them. They are planning to convert the present church into a parsonage and

build a new one.

9. Linn—Church set in order in the spring with 15 members and had 3 additional ones besides; had built an arbor. The enemy burned it yet the people rallied to the cause and built another in time for that night's service. Planning to build a church right away. 10. Lannius—Good representation. Bro. Wood represented the work at Lannius. They have a splendid little church, good Sunday school and regular services. They have over 80 members at present, 50 who came in this year, although 20 of those were by transfer. The Lord has truly blessed; 44 persons having received the Holy Ghost there this year.

11. Lone Elm—The church building had been blown down some time ago and the church had not been rebuilt. The saints are planning to transfer their membership to the Lannius church.

12. Mobeetie—Largest representation of any church in Texas and the farthest away from the camp meeting, being 200 miles away from the nearest church. Six car loads of people came, several of whom did not have the blessing but all except one of the entire company had received the Holy Ghost since they came. Brother George Anthony had carried the message to Mobeetie 2 yrs. previous and the Lord had blessed wonderfully, 32 coming in the church at that time. The saints have one of the best churches in Texas. Song, Telling On.

One of the saints expressed a word of appreciation to the people of Weatherford for the courtesies extended to them and thanked them for the comforts provided the campers.

13. Mt. Stirling—Not represented.

14. Paris—Sister Wilson and Brother J. A. Holcomb spoke for the Paris Church, thanking God for His blessing; power and for some true blues in the Paris Church. Saints are standing true and shouting the victory.

15. Point—Entire congregation sang, "When My Name is called in Glory." This Church was set in order Aug. 12, 1917 with 23 members and it still has some real Church of God material and 10 of the charter members with 26 others besides. Work is progressing and saints really appreciate the beauties and wonders of the Church of God. 16. Lone Oak, Trinity—Not represented. 17. Brownsville—Set in order last winter and doing well.

18. Ranger district, which includes the Strawn, Thurber and Ranger churches. Sister Oris Hubbard, the church clerk, spoke for Ranger. They have a splendid Sunday school system with an average attendance of 100. The people are enjoying the blessing.

Brother Jack was speaker for Thurber. The church is doing fine, with a determination to do better. Have a church membership of 40 and S. S. attendance of 100. People really study the Word and S. S. material there.

Brother George Ely, who spoke for Strawn, said the Sunday school was rather poor but the people were doing their best.

The Lyra Church, one of the first in Texas, would come in this district but it is now no more.

19. Weatherford—Brother Geo. Asher, pastor of the Church, spoke for it. People have a nice building and have built up a good work.

3:30 p. m. Brother R. P. Johnson conducted the service with the intention of starting preparations for a better camp meeting next year. After a comparison of ideas, it was decided to build a tabernacle at Weatherford on a site to be selected by a business committee for the purpose.

Donations for the work was solicited and something over \$1600 was pledged during this service. It is with much anticipation and joyful hearts we look for the second Texas State Camp Meeting of the great Church of God. Hallelujah!

Special Prayer for Brother T. M. McClendon who was prevented from attending the camp meeting.

8:00 p. m. Power fell in beginning of song service. Old people, young people and children danced before the Lord, a beautiful sight.

Collection for the Florida Band Boys.

Entire congregation of saints thanked the Lord with praises and waving of handkerchiefs.

Sister Johnnie Wood of Lannius preached starting with Acts 2:4. "This is that." She developed her subject in a Masterly manner, the Lord honoring her message. Although the weather was warm and the tent and grounds crowded, people listened silently, respecting God and His people. Thank God. Altar service.

Sunday, Aug. 16. Last day of Camp Meeting dawned beautifully fair. Brother W. O. Samuels conducted the sunrise prayer service, taking Love for his subject. The tide of love, praise and glory seemed to be still rising. Thanks be to the King.

10:30 a. m. Brother S. J. Wood brought the message, taking 1 Cor. 3:10 for a lesson text. "I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon." But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. The Holy Ghost is now seeking a Bride for Christ. Let us be the bride and put on the wedding garment now. Brother Wood, who is really a deep Bible student was able to handle this subject, The Bride, in a creditable manner.

4:00 p. m. Meeting to discuss plans for building the tabernacle at Weatherford for the State Camp Meeting. A committee to find the site for the tabernacle.

Brothers A. Dobson and S. W. Roberts are to serve as State Treasurers.

It was decided to try to get lots inside the city limits, covering not less than two acres and more, if possible. The building is to accommodate about 2000 people. The cost of the tabernacle was estimated at about \$4,000; \$1,738.50 of which had been raised at that time. The General Overseer and the bishops were invested with authority to make any changes in the committees deemed necessary. Every member of the Church of God in Texas must consider themselves as having a part in this and do all they can to further the work, in giving time, labor and means.

8:00 p. m. Brother R. P. Johnson delivered the message, relating to the soon coming of our Lord. He related the parable of the ten virgins exhorting the saints to watch, for we know not the hour when the Lord cometh. Acts 1:7. "And he said unto them, it is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. A discussion of Rev. 2 and 3 followed carrying us through the seven church ages, especially stressing the Philadelphia age, the age of "brotherly love," the one in which we now live. It behooves us now, as the children of God, to hold fast to our salvation, sanctification, the Holy Ghost, divine healing for "Behold, I come quickly," saith the Lord.

A little farewell talk by Bro. Johnson. Altar service.

One feature of the camp meeting deserving special mention was the young children's grove meetings which were held between the afternoon and evening services each day. A little girl, about 7 years old did the preaching and the Lord blessed in a marvelous way; 8 receiving the Holy Ghost in these services.

It was impossible to keep an accurate account of the number receiving the baptism each night but by having the people from different towns tell how many received the Holy Ghost from there, we find there were about 35 who received the Comforter. Hallelujah.

A feeling of sadness steals over our hearts as the camp meeting draws near a close. We wonder how many of the saints who are here this year will gather together at the next great

If God be for Us Who Can be Against Us

I feel impressed to write a few words to the Evangel, as it has been some time since I have written.

I am rejoicing to know I have salvation, and feel the presence of God as I write. Glory to God! This morning finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and trusting Jesus for my all in all.

This has been one of the best years of my life while it has been sad in a way. Since the Lord called my dear mother away my heart feels sad and lonely, as I miss her so much. She is at rest with Jesus. Oh! I do want to be faithful and die in the faith as she did.

Well I praise the Lord for the Church of God. I love the Church and mean to stand for it until Jesus comes. Many people are going down and compromising with the enemy. I want to be one of the faithful few. The Church of God here at Hartwell, Ga. is standing firm for God. In the midst of all the confusion we have not lost a member. They all love the Church. Thank the Lord for people who are planted by God the Father. Jesus said, Every plant my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up. The Church of God is coming to the front in this district, we have more calls for meetings than we can fill.

I closed a three weeks meeting Sunday night, July 26th at Mt. Zion, a Methodist meeting house. The people there were very nice to us, they opened their door for the meeting, and told us to run it as long as we wanted to. The Lord blessed at every service. There were 15 or 20 saved, 4 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost and several wonderful healings. People came for miles and the house wouldn't near hold them. Some have received the light, and say they want to be a member of the Church of God.

They have given us permission to hold a meeting at the court house in Hartwell, in the future.

I have also been preaching at the Methodist camp ground, near Royston, Ga. They have a large tabernacle, which will seat 800 or more people. The people are interested. I saved and 1 sanctified during the time we have been preaching there. Well praise the Lord, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

I want to tell about a wonderful case of healing. A few days ago a woman about 70 years old came to our home to be healed of something like acute rheumatism in her arm and hand. When I met her at the door she was crying and was weak, her fingers were swollen so bad she couldn't straighten them and her hand was badly swollen. She hadn't slept hardly any in some time, the suffering was so severe. She said she believed the Lord could heal her. We prayed and anointed her in the name of the Lord and she was wonderfully healed. Praise the Lord forever! I am glad we are serving a God that is able to heal all manner of diseases.

Pray for me to ever stand true and preach Jesus and Him crucified to this lost world. I feel more like going on than ever before. Please pray that I may have the privilege of attending the Assembly, as I don't want to miss that great feast.

Yours for lost souls and the Church of God.

Myrtle Whitehead,
Hartwell, Ga.

meeting, how many will be with Jesus, how many will be loyal. Who knows? Yet there is joy, joy intermingled with this sadness. We leave with renewed fire, zeal and determination to be of use to the Master, and watch for His appearing, realizing that the great reaping day is soon coming and that one of the greatest chapters in the history of the State of Texas has just been closed. As Tiny Tim says, "God bless us every one." Amen.

THE PREACHER'S VACATION

The old man went to meeting. For the day was bright and fair, Though his limbs were very tottering And 'twas hard to travel there; But he hungered for the Gospel As he trudged the weary way, In the road so rough and dusty 'Neath the summer's burning ray.

By and by he reached the building, To a soul a holy place, Then he paused and wiped the sweat-drops Off his thin and wrinkled face; But he looked around bewildered, For the bell did not toll, And the doors were shut and bolted And he did not see a soul.

So he leaned upon his crutches, And he said, "What does it mean?" And he looked this way and that Till it seemed almost a dream; He had walked the dusty highway, And he breathed a heavy sigh, Just to go once more to meetin' 'Ere the summons came to die.

But he saw a little notice, Tacked upon the meetin' door, So he limped along to read it, And he read it o'er and o'er; Then he wiped his dusty glasses And read it o'er again, Till his limbs began to tremble And his eyes began to pain.

As the old man read the notice, How it made his spirit burn! "Pastor absent on vacation, Church is closed till his return." Then he staggered slowly backward, And sat him down to think, For his soul was stirred within him Till he thought his heart would sink.

So he mused along and wondered, To himself soliloquized, "I've lived till almost eighty, And was never so surprised As I read that oddest notice Sticking on the meetin'-door, 'Pastor absent on vacation,' Never heard the like before."

"Why, when I first jined the meetin', Very many years ago, Preachers traveled on the circuit, In the heat and through the snow; If they got their clothes and victuals 'Twas but little cash they got. They said nothing 'bout vacation, But were happy in their lot."

"Would the farmer leave his cattle, Or the shepherd leave his sheep? Who would give them care and shelter Or provide them food to eat? So it strikes me very sing'lar, When a man of holy hands, Thinks he needs to have vacation And forsake his tender lambs."

"Did St. Paul get such a notion? Did a Wesley, or a Knox? Did they in the heat of summer Turn away their needy flocks? Did they shut their meetin'-house, Just to go and lounge about? Why, they knew that if they did Satan certainly would shout."

"Do the taverns close their doors, Just to take a little rest? Why, 'twould be the height of nonsense For their trade would be distressed; Did you ever know it happen, Or hear anybody tell, Satan takin' a vacation, Shuttin' up the doors of Hell?"

"And shall preachers of the gospel Pack their trunks and go away, Leaving saints and dyin' sinners Get along as best they may? Are the souls of saints and sinners Valued less than selling beer? Or do preachers tire quicker Than the rest of mortals here?"

"Why it is, I cannot answer, But my feelings they are stirred; Here I've dragged my tottering foot-steps For to hear the Gospel word, But the preacher is a-traveling, And the meetin'-house is closed; I confess it's very tryin', Hard, indeed, to keep composed."

"Tell me, when I tread the valley, And go up the shinin' height, Will I hear no angels singing? Will I see no gleamin' light? Will the golden harps be silent? Will I meet no welcome there? Why, the thought is most distressin', Would be more than I could bear."

"Tell me, when I reach the city, Over on the other shore, Will I find a little notice, Tacked upon the golden door, Telling me, 'mid dreadful silence, Writ in words that cut and burn, 'Jesus absent on vacation, Heaven closed till His return?'"

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